

MEMORANDUM

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Re: Weekly Report

- Permanent 1B and 1A classifications for Act 250 housing exemptions can't be granted until TRORC revises its Plan and submits to the new Land Use Regulatory Board late in 2026. There is a difference now between Designated Villages and Designated Downtowns in current law. The exemption only applies for Downtowns during this interim period.
- Planning Commission met last week and we had a highly productive meeting. We discussed most of the items I covered with you all at my last in person appearance. There was conversation about the formation of a Conservation Commission and how it would interact with the Forest Board, there is currently a petition drive to have its creation put on the Town Meeting warning as a stand alone article. Doug Tifft, who has experience with the School Board has volunteered to take on the housing and education section of the plan including daycare. Lynn Fitzhugh is heading up the natural resources section, is the Selectboard at a place to begin thinking about net zero for an energy usage goal for town operations?
- I am working on Town Plan sections public safety and housing, I have not heard back from the Ambulance Service and Fire Department crews about their goals for the future. I have however had a good dialog with Wayne about how to use a data driven formula for determining future staffing. Best practices indicate one officer per 1,000 town residents, the increased population in the summer in Fairlee distorts the law enforcement needs, and the Town needs to consider how this can be accommodated. Using analytical benchmarks is the template I wish to use for both the ambulance and fire services.
- I warned public hearing 24-SUB-04 for a lot line adjustment. Normally this would be an administrative permit but both lots are on Lake Morey and non-conforming. This should be a reminder that we are short a DRB member.